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**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

a plurality of pixels; and

a columnar spacer formed and disposed on a portion of a surface of a multi-layered film, said film formed on a surface of a substrate facing a transparent electrode provided in at least a part of pixels among a plurality of pixel portions forming a liquid-crystal display panel, said portion of said multi-layered film having little variation in thickness that is disposed in a contact hole,

wherein said columnar spacer is formed on a transparent pixel electrode film; and

wherein in the region below the contact hole, the transparent pixel electrode film is formed on and in direct contact with a ~~signal electrode~~drain electrode of a TFT, ~~the signal electrode~~said drain electrode of said TFT being formed on and in direct contact with an insulating film, and said insulating film being formed on and in direct contact with said substrate; and

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole and further wherein said columnar spacer contacts said ~~signal electrode~~drain electrode of said TFT via said transparent pixel electrode.

2. (Original) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said part of said pixel portion having little variation in film thickness is a contact hole.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

a plurality of pixels; and

a columnar spacer formed and disposed on a portion of a surface of a multi-layered film, said film formed on a surface of a substrate facing a transparent electrode provided in at least a part of pixels among a plurality of pixel portions forming a liquid-crystal display panel, said portion of said multi-layered film having little variation in thickness that is disposed in a contact hole,

wherein said columnar spacer is formed on a ~~pixel electrode~~drain electrode of a TFT, and passes through a transparent pixel electrode film,

wherein in the region below the contact hole, ~~the transparent electrode film is formed on and in direct contact with said pixel electrode~~said electrode of said TFT, ~~the pixel electrode being is~~ formed on and in direct contact with an insulating film, said insulating film ~~being is~~ formed on and in direct contact with said substrate, and

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole and further wherein said columnar spacer contacts said ~~signal electrode via said drain electrode of said TFT through said~~ transparent pixel electrode.

5. (Original) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said columnar spacer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of an inorganic material and an organic material.

6. (Previously Presented) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein the type of said liquid-crystal display panel is one type selected from a group consisting of a color type and a monochrome type.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

forming in each of a plurality of pixel regions on a substrate a color film, ~~a signal electrode~~a source electrode of a TFT, a gate electrode, and ~~a pixel electrode~~a drain electrode of the TFT;

forming a transparent pixel electrode film thereover;

then forming a columnar spacer on said transparent pixel electrode film at least in a part of contact holes provided on said pixel regions; and

then disposing an opposing substrate on which is formed an opposing common transparent electrode so as to oppose said transparent pixel electrode film,

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

forming in each of a plurality of pixel regions on a substrate a color film ~~having contact holes, a source electrode of a TFT, a signal electrode, a gate electrode, a transparent pixel electrode and a drain electrode of the TFT;~~

then forming a columnar spacer on said ~~transparent pixel electrode drain electrode of the TFT~~ at least in a part of said contact holes provided on said pixel regions;

forming a transparent pixel electrode film on said color film, ~~signal electrodesource electrode of the TFT, gate electrode, and pixel electrode drain electrode of the TFT,~~ with the exception of said columnar spacer; and

then disposing an opposing substrate on which is formed an opposing common transparent pixel electrode so as to oppose said transparent electrode film, with interposing said columnar spacer therebetween,

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole and further wherein said columnar spacer contacts said ~~signal electrode via drain electrode of said TFT through~~ said transparent pixel electrode.

9. (Original) A method for manufacturing a liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 7, wherein said columnar spacer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of an inorganic material and an organic material.

10. (Previously Added) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said variation in the thickness of said portion of said multi-layer films is 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (Previously Added) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said variation in the thickness of said portion of said multi-layer films is within several tens of angstroms.

12. (Previously Added) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said variation in the thickness of said portion of said multi-layer films is within several hundreds of angstroms.

13-16. (Cancelled)